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A Special Examination on the Gospel of Luke.

The Announcement.

1. The Offer. *The American Institute of Sacred Literature* will offer, to any who may desire to take it, an examination on the *Gospel of Luke*. The examination will cover, in general, the historical facts relating to the life of the Christ, and the literary facts connected with the Gospel of Luke.

2. For Whom: (1) Individuals, (2) Bible classes, (3) Sunday schools. Arrangements will be made for the examination *in any part of the world*.

3. Four Grades. To adapt it to the needs of different classes of Bible students, four grades of the examination paper will be prepared: (1) The *Advanced* grade for ministers, theological students, and persons who have done close and critical work; (2) the *Progressive* grade, for the members of adult Bible classes who have done a less amount of work upon the subject; (3) the *Intermediate* grade for Bible classes, the members of which are fifteen to twenty years of age; (4) the *Elementary* grade for those who are ten to fifteen years of age. Care should be taken to *select the proper grade*.

4. Preparation. It is sufficient to say that the student will be expected to have a reasonable familiarity with (1) the details of the life of Jesus, (2) the history, customs, and manners of the time, (3) the teachings of Jesus and the great purpose of his work, (4) the book of Luke as a literary production, its purpose, style, peculiarities, etc. The careful study of the *International Sunday School Lessons* ought to be a sufficient preparation. For a definite course of study, covering the whole book, attention is called to the course on Luke which serves as a basis of the work done in the *Correspondence Department* of the Institute of Sacred Literature.* Thorough study, however, by any method whatsoever, will prepare a student for the examination.

5. Time. The examinations will be held in all parts of the world on one day, viz., Tuesday, December 30th. When another day in the same week is more convenient, it will be so arranged. The examination will begin at 10 A. M. and continue until 12 M., or begin at 7.30 P. M. and continue until 9.30 P. M.

6. Places. The examination will be offered in at least *one thousand* localities. Arrangements will be made, if it is desired, by which the examination may be taken, *even by one person*, at any place which may be reached by mail. (For particulars see below.)

7. Special Examiners. A list of one thousand or more *special examiners* will be published before March 1st. These examiners will have charge of the Institute examinations in the immediate locality in which they reside. They will conduct the examination and forward the papers to the office of the Institute. The special examiner or his assistant will, if desired, receive enrollments and fees for examinations (see below, under enrollment).

8. Enrollment. Individuals or groups (large or small) who desire to take the examination, will forward to the Principal of Schools at the *earliest possible date*, either directly or through the special examiner of the locality (1) their names, (2) their fees (see below), (3) the grade of examination desired (this may be altered at any time before December 1st, 1890), and (4) in case no special examiner has

* For specimen copies of studies in this course, and for an EXAMINATION-DIRECTION-SHEET on Luke, intended to show the steps to be taken by the student in preparation for such an examination study so as to do thorough work, address *with stamps* as above.

been appointed, the name of a minister or Sunday School Superintendent who will consent to perform the service of examiner. These names will be enrolled and correspondence will at once be entered into with the individual chosen as special examiner, through whom all further announcements will be made to those who apply for the examination.

9. The method of conducting the Examination. At such place as may be indicated by the special examiner applicants will meet. The paper containing the printed questions (according to the grades selected) will be placed in their hands. The answers must be written in ink, on one side of the paper, as legibly as possible, the writer's name being clearly inscribed at the top of each page. Two hours only will be allowed. At the end of that time, those examined will place their answers in the hands of the examiner, who will at once forward them to the Principal of Schools.

10. Certificates. Each set of answers will be submitted for examination to an instructor, appointed by the Directors of the Institute. The answers will be graded on the basis of *ten*. All papers having a grade of *seven* will entitle the writer to a certificate. Papers graded from 7. to 8.5 will receive B or second-class certificates; papers from 8.5 to 10, will receive A or first-class certificates.

11. Published List. A complete list of all persons to whom certificates are granted will be printed and mailed to every person who took the examination. No name will be published in this list, if the owner of the name objects. Persons whose names are not in the list will understand that they have not passed the examination.

12. Fee. It will easily be seen that the work proposed is one attended with great expense to the Institute. There will be the cost of (1) general advertising, (2) correspondence with persons desiring the examination, (3) correspondence with special examiners, (4) printing of examination-papers, (5) mailing of examination-papers, (6) postage or expressage on the answers sent in, (7) salaries of men competent to inspect the examination-papers, (8) printing of certificates, (9) mailing of certificates, (10) publishing and distributing the list of names. In view of all this expense, the following schedule of fees will, it is believed, be regarded as very low. It is not supposed that the fees will pay all the costs of the examination:

- 1) For individual examinations, \$2.00.
- 2) For groups of 2-5, \$1.00 each.
- 3) For groups of 6-10, 75 cents each.
- 4) For groups of 11-50, 60 cents each.
- 5) For groups of 50 and above, 50 cents each.

13. In General. Attention is called to the following points:

1. Questions on any points not covered by this statement will be gladly answered, but please read carefully the statement in order to be certain that your question is not already answered.

2. All applications with fees must be received, if from the United States or Canada, before December 1st; if from foreign countries, before November 1st.

3. Do not wait until November before deciding that you will take the examination or before enrollment. The fact of having enrolled will be a powerful incentive to the prosecution of the work.

4. Fees paid before September 1st will be returned to the sender, if called for, if ill health should compel the student to give up the work of preparation for the examination; but no fee will be returned after December 1st.

Address all inquiries to the Principal of Schools, WILLIAM R. HARPER, New Haven, Conn.